A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

No regular complaints have been received. Eight anonymous petitions have been received.

Members' representations.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before we go to the next item, I have something to announce. I have received a letter from the undersigned, *i.e.*, Sri K. Kenchappa and Sri J. B. Mallaradhya and it is to the effect:

"We the undersigned members of the P.S.P group desire to intimate to you that we have decided to join the Congress Legislature Party on this day the 1st of April 1960.

This decision is taken in view of the fact that the present Ministry had made astounding progress during its tenure of office. In particular we can't help admiring the way in which the PWD Minister Sri H. M. Channabasappa has been carrying on his work; his defence of the Sharavati contracts was a masterpiece and the work has been commendable.

We are also convinced that there is no room or need for an opposition, especially in the context of Planning. We are pained to note that a few irresponsible Congressmen are indulging in destructive propaganda against the Ministry. Hence our decision. Please announce this today,

1st April 1960. K. KENCHAPPA,
J. B. MALLARADHYA."

It came to me yesterday at the fag end of the day and so I announced it to-day.

(*Loud laughter*)

Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—Sir, I welcome not only the two Hon'ble Members but all others. Perhaps, to fool others they have done this, but they have befooled themselves.

(*Laughter*).

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Nanjangud).—Sir, there must be a sense of humour on the All Fools Day. I think, we have not tried to fool anybody nor to fool ourselves. The fact is, Sri Narasimhan took my signature yesterday on a plain sheet.

(*Laughter*)

Mr. SPEAKER.—He must have likewise taken the signature of Sri Kenchappa also. Anyway, I can take no action on this. If the Members change the sides, I can take action. I also received another letter from Sri V. S. Patil and Sri Sunthankar saying that they had decided to resign but they have withdrawn. (*Laughter*) So, I cannot take any action on it also.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—Sir, I have a submission to make, because the Chief Minister is here, 5th April is Sri Rama Navami day which is a very important festival. I request the Chair and the Chief Minister to declare 5th as a holiday. Last year, the Speaker was inclined to decide Sri Rama Navami as a holiday but he did not keep up the pomise. At least this time, I request the Chair and the Chief Minister to take a decision and announce their decision before the close of the day.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We will consider it.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1960-61—DEMANDS FOR GRANTS Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17.

(*Debate continued*)

†Sri V. S. PATIL (Belgagm-I).—Sir, so far as the Demands are concerned, I should like to say a few words about them. I was surprised, Sir, when the Hon'ble Chief Minister yesterday replied to the question regarding the